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WOMEN MORE LIKELY TO WORK FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
DURING PREGNANCY

LENGTH(:60 SECONDS)

MONDAY, FEB. 25, 2008

ANNOUNCER:

TWO IN EVERY THREE WOMEN WHO HAD THEIR FIRST CHILD BETWEEN 2001 AND 2003 WORKED DURING THEIR PREGNANCY. THIS COMPARES WITH FEWER THAN HALF WHO GAVE BIRTH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE EARLY 1960s. NOT ONLY ARE WOMEN MORE LIKELY TO WORK WHILE PREGNANT, THEY'RE WORKING LATER INTO THEIR PREGNANCY. EIGHTY PERCENT WHO WORKED WHILE PREGNANT IN THE EARLY PART OF THIS DECADE CONTINUED WORKING ONE MONTH OR LESS BEFORE THEIR CHILD'S BIRTH. THIS COMPARES WITH 35 PERCENT IN THE EARLY 1960s. WOMEN ARE ALSO RETURNING TO WORK MORE RAPIDLY AFTER HAVING THEIR FIRST CHILD. IN THE EARLY 1960s, 14 PERCENT WERE BACK AT WORK SIX MONTHS LATER. BY THE EARLY PART OF THIS DECADE, THE PERCENTAGE HAD CLIMBED TO 55 PERCENT. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AT W-W-W-DOT-CENSUS-DOT-GOV.

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